



# BLUFFTON-HARRISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

*"A LEARNING COMMUNITY WHERE A QUALITY EDUCATION EMPOWERS  
ALL STUDENTS TO LEARN AND ACHIEVE TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL."*

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Dear Family of BHMSD Student(s),

We are thrilled to welcome you back to school for the 2017-2018 school year at Bluffton-Harrison MSD! The BHMSD community has been busy preparing your schools and classrooms for an exciting year of learning, growth, and achievement.

The 2017-2018 school year marks the sixth year of the district's 1:1 Digital Learning Initiative using Apple iPads in every classroom in every grade level. Textbook and technology rental fees have remained unchanged at \$120 for elementary students and \$165 for middle/high school students since the start of the 1:1 Digital Learning Initiative. This year the district will not be distributing iPads to students in 5th through 12th grade prior to the start of the school year. All K-12 students will now receive iPads after school begins. All returning 6th through 12th grade students are asked to bring a Student ID card to expedite the distribution process, and temporary Student ID cards will be provided for 5th grade students.

For the 2017-2018 school year, Bluffton-Harrison MSD will be introducing a new, secure online registration process, which will eliminate many of our paper registration forms, as well as repeating registration forms for families with more than one student. In order to complete the online registration process, each parent will need to set up accounts in the PowerSchool Parent Portal and InfoSnap systems. These accounts will allow parents to register students now as well as view student grades and attendance throughout the school year. Within this packet, you will find step-by-step instructions to setup your Parent Portal account. Questions for Parent Portal account setup should be directed to the BHMSD Technology Department at [support@bhmsd.org](mailto:support@bhmsd.org) or (260) 824-3724.

In addition, letters from the building principal(s) for your student(s) is/are enclosed with further information regarding the start of the school year. All school buildings will welcome new and returning students on Tuesday, August 8, 2017. Welcome activities and orientation times for each building are as follows:

Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School (PK-4th)	12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Bluffton-Harrison Middle School (5th-8th)	12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Bluffton High School (9th only)	11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Bluffton High School (10th-12th)	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We are grateful to have your family as a part of our district, and we look forward to starting another amazing year at BHMSD!

Sincerely,

Wayne Barker

MR. WAYNE BARKER  
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